

1 18. The method of claim 1, wherein planning the safety stock level
2 comprises navigating a web site providing information relating to use of the spot
3 market to plan an inventory level.

1 19. The method of claim 18, wherein planning the safety stock level
2 comprises providing to an inventory planning engine accessible through the web site
3 information relating to product demand and information relating to non-spot market
4 lead time.

1 20. The method of claim 1, further comprising performing enterprise
2 resource planning based upon the planned safety stock level.

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